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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL VEHICLES - RHD FY-76 REPLACEMENTS

REF: KATHMANDU 4867 AND 1675

1. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBSTITUTE THE COMPACT SEDAN REQUESTED TO REPLACE ONE OF THE EMBASSY CARRYALLS DUE FOR REPLACEMENT THIS YEAR, DUE TO THE LEGISLATIVE NUMERICAL CEILING WHICH LIMITS THE NUMBER OF PASSENGER VEHICLES (SEDANS AND STATION WAGONS) WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE ON INVENTORY. WE ARE CURRENTLY AT THE UPPER LIMIT OF OUR CEILING DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASES OF SCHEDULED FY-76 REPLACEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR NEWLY-OPENED AND ELEVATED POSTS.

2. WE HAVE MAILED LITERATURE COVERING RHD GENERAL PURPOSE PASSENGER VEHICLES AVAILABLE FROM AUSTRALIA, AS REQUESTED. AFTER REVIEWING THIS MATERIAL PLEASE ADVISE US OF THE MAKE (GM-HOLDEN BELMONT; FORD-FALCON; CHRYSLER-VALIANT/RANGER), COLOR AND OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT CHOICES. ALTHOUGH THE HOLDEN BROCHURE ILLUSTRATES AND DESCRIBES THE HOLDEN PREMIER, THE BELMONT IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME CAR IN TERMS OF OVERALL

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LENGTH AND EQUIPMENT EXCEPT FOR MINOR VARIANCES IN

CHROME AND TRIM.

3. CONCERNING NEW RHD TRUCKS TO REPLACE YOUR LHD TRUCKS SCHEDULED FOR FY-76 REPLACEMENT, WE HAVE FORWARDED LITERATURE DEPICTING THE RHD, 4-PASSENGER, 4WD IHC SCOUT, AND THE JEEP CJ-5. THE JEEP IS AVAILABLE ONLY WITH A SIX CYLINDER ENGINE AND WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING. WE ALSO HAVE FORWARDED MATERIAL DEPICTING THE RHD FORD TRANSIT 9-PASSENGER KOMBI AND 12-PASSENGER BUS, AND THE RHD FORD F-100 PICKUP TRUCK. THE IHC SCOUT AND JEEP CJ-5 ARE MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S. THE FORD KOMBI, BUS, AND PICKUP TRUCK ARE MANUFACTURED IN AUSTRALIA. LEAD TIME FOR U.S.-PRODUCED VEHICLES IS ABOUT ONE YEAR; FOR AUSTRALIAN-PRODUCED VEHICLES IT IS ABOUT 4-6 MONTHS.

4. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FURNISH LITERATURE DEPICTING RHD SEDANS AND TRUCKS WHICH MATCH AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, IN SIZE, TYPE, CONFIGURATION, AND SPECIFICATIONS THE LHD VEHICLES SCHEDULED FOR FY-76 REPLACEMENT.

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